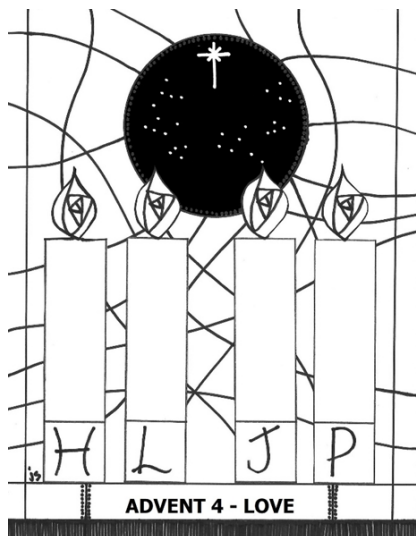


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Deacon - Rev. Christine Clatworthy

Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our YouTube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back left two rows of pews. Thank you.

Please remember to wear your nametag.



**Dear Little Saints-
Welcome from all the Big Saints**

*Before the service even starts, you will
need to prepare
Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups
want you there
Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing
You could be bright new markers trying
or putting stickers in your book*

*Or even ..take a little look
Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true
There's juice or sweets or cookies too*

*When you've been good as gold for ever
and still the talking lasts forever
just dig inside and have a treat
Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!!
(and also is a take home treat!)*

We welcome all children to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

Communion: All are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until the Gathering Song is sung.

Please take this bulletin home for recycling. Thank you

No Scents Makes Good Sense. Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair sprays, colognes, and after-shave lotions. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 21, 2025.

Prelude — Song Without Words in A minor,

Felix Mendelssohn

Hail To the Lord's Anointed arr. Stephen Kemp

(Please help create a quiet space for reflection during the prelude. Thank you)

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Territory

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

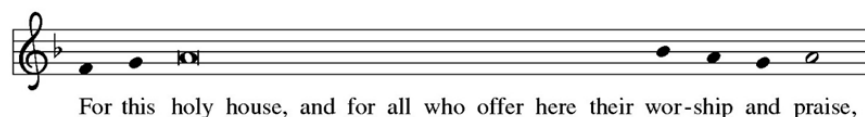
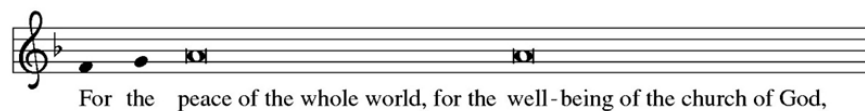
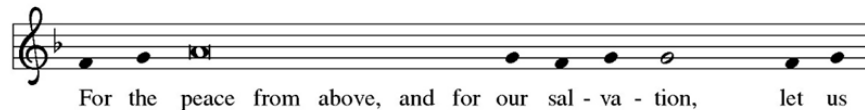
We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

Gathering Hymn— **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**
(verses 1-4, 6) # 257 (Red)

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **With your abundant grace and might, free us from all that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Light One Candle



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Four candles on the Advent Wreath are lit as the verses are sung.

Choir Anthem — Gabriel to Mary Came
arr. David Willcocks

First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Under threat of attack from neighbouring countries Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm **80:1-7, 17-19** (*sung together in unison*)



- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.**
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh, stir up your strength and | come to help us. R**
- ³ Restore | us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**
- ⁴ O LORD | God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R**
- ⁵ You have fed them with the | bread of tears; you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.**
- ⁶ You have made us the derision | of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**
- ⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**
- ¹⁷ Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand, the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R**
- ¹⁸ And so will we never turn a- | way from you; give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.**
- ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R**

Second Reading: *Romans 1:1-7*

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle appointed by God to spread the gospel.


¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel — *Matthew 1:18-25*

The holy gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.”

²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Homily

Hymn of the Day— **How the World Longs for
Your Birth # 90 (Blue)**

Prayers

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

In the anticipation of these days, prepare our hearts for your arrival, O God. Stir our spirits through the gifts of artists, musicians, poets, and preachers, as together we proclaim your advent among us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The earth breaks forth in singing as it heralds the Messiah's coming. Fill our hearts with wonder as we join heaven and nature in announcing this holy birth. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You send your saving grace and peace to the nations. Lead us in work for justice and care for the common good. May we meet the Christ-child we seek in the faces of our neighbours. We pray for the people of Venezuela living under threats of attacks by the American military, and for our Jewish brothers and sisters concerned for their safety at their worship and public gatherings. May your dream of peace on earth come quickly. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

When tears of grief, exhaustion, or loneliness come, or physical or emotional hurt overwhelms us, come to our aid. Uphold all who are anxious, who know the challenges of depression, or who are ill. We pray especially for Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew, Joan, Alice, Irene,

Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Kathryn, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Surround expectant parents and those suffering from infant loss with communities of support. Bless young children and new parents. Guide us in ways that provide safety for all children and those who care for them. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have treasured the gospel and lived in faithful service. Strengthen our earthly journeys until, at the last, your face shines upon us and we are held in your love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children, for we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you.



Offertory— Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



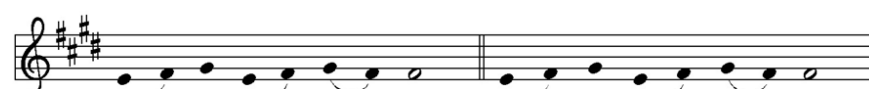
Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Offertory Prayer

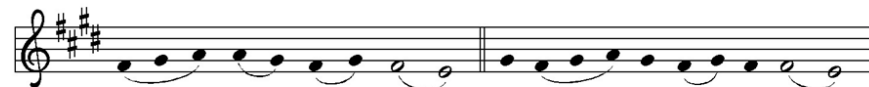
Let us pray:

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, money, and
food, and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Saviour.
Amen

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

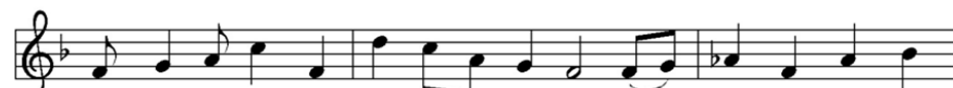
Preface

...and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed The One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for Christ Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer



Invitation to Communion

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your holy realm.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

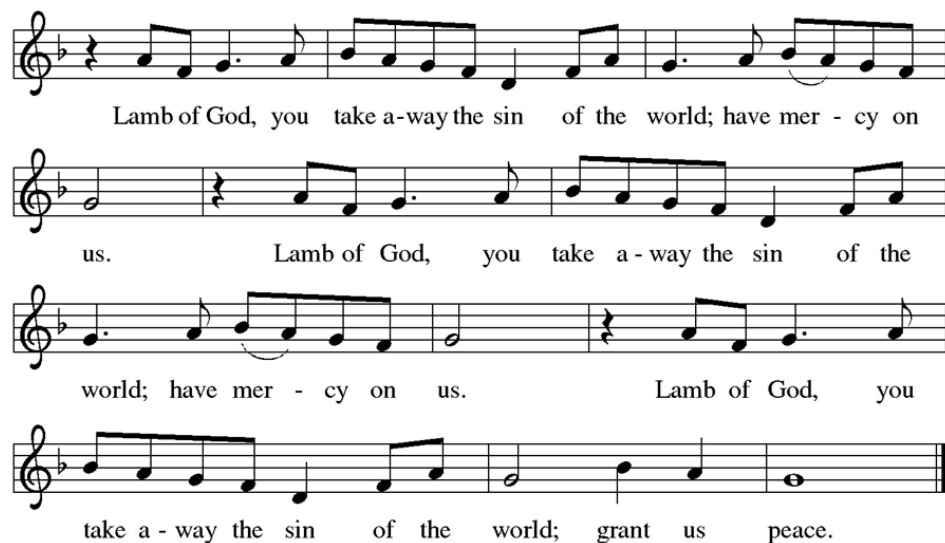
Christ welcomes you to this table of hope.

Come, gather with all God's people who watch and wait for the coming of Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Wait for the Lord

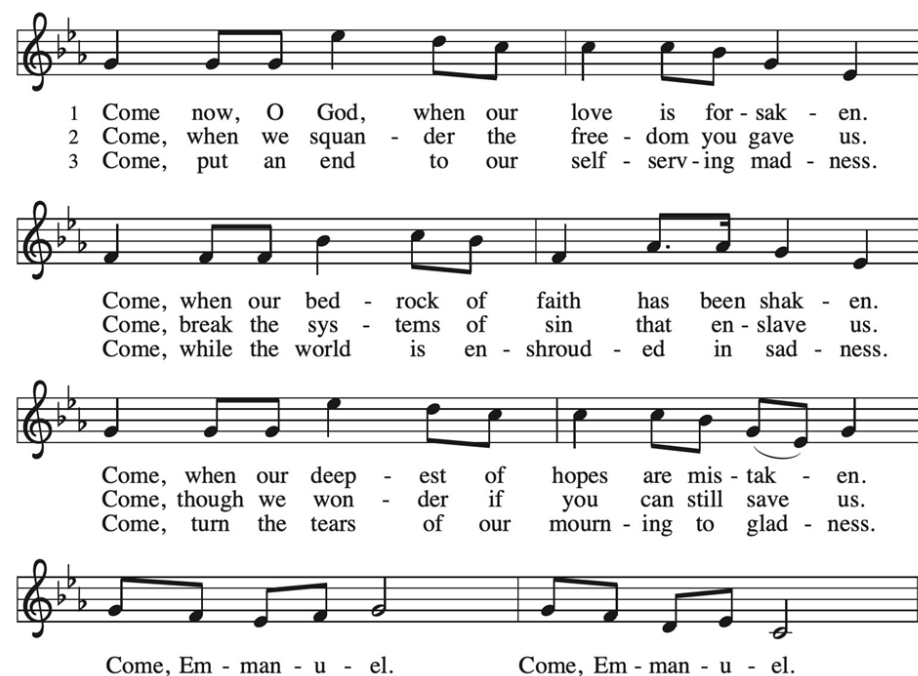
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O Come, Divine Messiah

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Come Now, O God



1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.
Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.
Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.
Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of
Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will
be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Saviour and
Lord. **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle — He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems. The first system contains the four verses of the canticle. The second system contains the refrain 'hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more' and the final verse. The third system contains the final verse. The music features various rhythmic values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are three measures of triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket.

Announcements

Benediction

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

Sending Song — Joy to the World # 267 (Red)

Dismissal

With love and compassion, **come, Lord Jesus.**
With judgement and mercy, **come, Lord Jesus.**
In power and glory, **come, Lord Jesus.**
In wisdom and truth, **come, Lord Jesus.**
Let us go into the world rejoicing; Christ is near!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring arr. Colin Mawby

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Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Christine Morrison	Penny Richards
Servers	Marisela McDougall Kishan Gunawardene	Marisela McDougall Laura F Mann
Reader	Kate Stuttaford	Val Webb
Greeters	Sheila Chappel	Bill & Jette Thomas
Ushers	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze
AV booth	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Christine Morrison Ann Sanders	Christine Morrison Ann Sanders
Counters	Suzanne Worthen Kate Stuttaford	Suzanne Worthen Sandra Christie
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Geoff and Julianna Stephens	

We pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator.

ELCIC Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship.

MOR The Rev. Sue Keonig, Director, and team of Northern Province Racial Justice and Healing.

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. Thank you.



Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **today**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

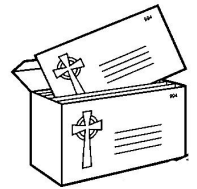
Christmas Eve Services: Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help with the 7 p.m. or 9 p.m. services. Thank you.



Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — January we need **peanut butter, canned fruit & vegetables, school snacks and cooking oil. We always need rice and lentils.** *We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*



2026 Offering Envelopes are available in your mailboxes now. Please note that all offerings for 2025 must be received **by noon on December 31, 2025**, electronic transfers must be dated **December 31, 2025**. Thank you.



No Streaming Dec. 28: Please note that the service will not be streamed or recorded on December 28.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. German Service

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Family Service

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Holy Communion will be available at all 3 services



Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols

LOOKING AHEAD: December 22 — 28

Wednesday 24	5:00 p.m.	German language Service Nave
	7:00 p.m.	Family Candlelight Service Nave
	9:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service Nave
Thursday 25	10:00 a.m.	Lessons and Carols Nave
Sunday 28	8:30 a.m.	Christmas 1 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas 1 Holy Communion—Nave

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.